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MANUFACTURER	RT 22 SOMERVILLE NJ 08876
ACCESS NUMBER	M476758
PRODUCT CODE	
PANEL	GENERAL AND PLASTIC SURGERY
REPORT TYPE	SERIOUS INJURY
DATE FDA RECEIVED	02/07/1994
DEVICE CATALOGUE NUMBER	W31G
EVENT DESCRIPTION TYPE	PRELIMINARY

EVENT DESCRIPTION

FOUR TO FIVE HRS POST-OP, PT DEVELOPED PARAPLEGIA BELOW THE T5 LEVEL FOLLOWING A RIGHT THORACOTOMY FOR LUNG CANCER. A MYELOGRAM SHOWED OBSTRUCTING MASS AT THE T5 LEVEL. PT WAS TAKEN BACK TO SURGERY WHERE APPROX 1 GRAIN OF BONE WAX WAS REMOVED. BONE WAX HAD BEEN USED TO CONTROL BLEEDING DURING INITIAL SURGERY. DR FELT THAT SOME BONE WAX HAD FOUND ITS WAY INTO THE EPIDURAL SPACE CAUSING CORD COMPRESSION.